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FROM: James A. Noyes
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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST (ACE) PROJECT MAY 20, 2002, MEETING

On May 20, 2002, a member of my staff attended the regular meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments - ACE Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and the adopted minutes of the April 22, 2002, meeting are attached. The following items occurred at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

In his report under Agenda Item IV, the Chairman reported that members of the ACE Board recently met with State-elected officials to continue seeking support for the ACE project.

Under Agenda Item VI, the ACE Board conducted a hearing and adopted a resolution determining the necessity to acquire property at 4111 South Nogales Street in the City of West Covina for the Nogales Street Grade Separation project.

Under Agenda Item VII, the ACE Board approved a Fiscal Year 2002-03 budget of \$72,065,000 of which \$66,524,000 was budgeted for project design and construction.

Under Agenda Item VIII, the ACE Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to amend or issue annual task orders for five contracts for continuing support services from July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003, as follows:

- Padilla and Associates' annual task order of \$384,000 for support of labor compliance and disadvantaged business outreach activities.
- Womble, Carlyle's annual task order of \$168,000 for support services in Washington, D.C.
- Capital Representation Group's contract amendment of \$59,500 for support services in Sacramento.
- Arimax Financial Services' contract amendment of \$12,000 for financing of working

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- capital.
- Burke, Williams and Sorensen's contract extension through Fiscal Year 2002-03 in the amount of \$406,000 for General Counsel services

Under Agenda Item IX, the ACE Board adopted a staff recommendation to request the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments approve a revision to the ACE Project Phasing Plan. Under this revision, the Montebello Boulevard grade separation would be moved to Phase II and the engineering of the City of San Gabriel grade separations (Ramona Street, Mission Drive, Del Mar Avenue, and San Gabriel Boulevard) would be moved to Phase I. This change was a result of the Montebello City Council's April 24, 2002, action to seek a railroad lowering throughout their City rather than an individual grade separation at Montebello Boulevard. An individual grade separation of Montebello Boulevard (as originally proposed by ACE) was not acceptable to the City and the cost of a railroad trench throughout the City (as desired by the City) could not be financially justified by ACE. Since the San Gabriel crossings show the highest levels of projected vehicle-hours of delay of the Phase II projects and is the largest project in scope of the Phase II projects, ACE staff recommended moving forward with the design of the San Gabriel project.

The next meeting of the ACE Board will be on June 24, 2002, at Irwindale City Hall.

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